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<TEXT>I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

I live in the country so a phone is vital to safty and health. I just paid my land line phone bill and it was 70 dollars, none of which was long distance, 25 dollars of that was tax!!! We are paying almost 50% in taxes now on phone service and that is rediculious. In this day and age phone is a nessesity not a luxury and it has one of the highest tax rates I know of. This has got to stop! All phone tax needs to be lowered not raised.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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